

REMARKS

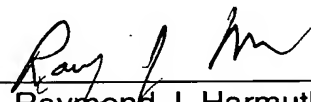
Claims 14, 15 and 17 remain pending in the case upon entry of this Amendment.

Applicants have amended the claims to conform with the scope of claims as set forth on page 3 of the Office Action in light of the Election/Restriction and to overcome the Objection set forth on page 4 of the Office Action.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) over Pirkle et al, since in the current amendment, R⁵ cannot be zero, meaning that R⁵ is present, Pirkle et al cannot anticipate the present invention and the rejection should be overcome and withdrawn.

Review and consideration of the claims as amended, and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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